

HERZOG NOT AS MODEST AS ALEX; ALL HE WANTS IS CONTRACT EXTENSION AND BONUS

HOLDOUTS FIND NEW SOURCES OF ENCOURAGEMENT THIS YEAR IN ADDITION TO THE WORLD WAR

Even Physician Recommends Resistance, While New European League Supplies Another Club to Brandish in Face of Employers

WHEN the doctors get to recommending "holding out" as a means of preserving human life some idea may be had of the seriousness of the insurgent situation in baseball this year.

Coming on top of the report that holdouts have become so general and so hold this season that they have formed a league of their own and will resist in a body and to the death the understood pact of club owners to chop wages, word of the recommendation of holding out by a practicing physician is most discouraging; but it is not all.

THE general scheme as proposed sounds plausible, for it naturally would be encouraged by the Government, as it would offer much-needed diversion to soldiers in the great recreation centers.

Herzog and Alex Old-Fashioned Types

SPEAKING of holdouts also suggests that some strange influence has come over the order this season. It appears that nobody except a perfectly shameless person wants to be classed as a regular holdout.

Derrill Pratt was one of the first to emphasize the position that he was not an ordinary resister. And the Yankee acquisition doubtless made a good distinction, for what he meant, perhaps, was that he was not rejecting the Yankee contract merely for the looks of its face, but that he declined to sign away a good-looking lawsuit of at least a nicely appearing compromise.

Davey Robertson also is not a holdout, far from it. Davey is a Virginia gentleman and would not so far forget himself as to displease the "gentle" or to too long delay the establishment of himself as a real doctor; and then, too, he feels a stout obligation to accommodate the home school-house, which needs coaching "powerful bad" this season.

Alex and Buck Herzog are two shameful persons. They are of the old school and want to be soothed with vulgar money, and they don't care at all who knows it or where it comes from. The latter is broader in his demands, however, for he modestly requests an extension of contract along with a bonus. The latest story from Boston is that \$5000 must be forthcoming or it will be absolutely nothing but melon-raising this year instead of raising the usual rough stuff on the diamond.

HERZOG must have a deep student of psychology in his youth. He knows when to strike and he knows how to fortify himself with winning weapons of warfare. One of his most effective big guns is to get himself mixed up in a player deal where the team getting him is as anxious for his services as the other team is to get rid of him. Then he starts pressure both ways.

Thought of Pirate Contract Makes Saier Worse

YOU can't tell by the face of the returns or the referee's word who wins a decision in baseball. The National Commission awarded Saier to the Pittsburgh Pirates in an argument with the Chicago Cubs. This looked like Barney Dreyfuss had won a bout, but word from Toledo has it that the former Cub star, whose leg was broken last season, states that he doesn't feel strong enough to play this year and will remain idle.

Saier's sudden repulse doubtless is due to nothing more than that he has been offered a contract with Toledo by Roger Bresnahan much more attractive than he could hope for by Pittsburgh. Nothing talks like money and nothing heals a baseball wound, whether of the flesh or of the feelings, like the long green, and Saier's bruises may be expected to remain serious unless Dreyfuss proposes at least to meet Bresnahan's figures, stated to be \$5000.

A peculiar phase of the Cub-Pirate argument over Saier is that the Cubs did not intend, it seems, to let the crippled player slip away. He was paid \$2500, the remainder of his year's salary, although disabled, with the evident intent of making him a free agent and picking him up again. The roundabout method was to avoid player-limit violation, it is said, Pittsburgh claimed the player by the waiver route, however, and then the Cubs "holloered" for the \$2500, which the National Commission rules they cannot—at least in the manner proposed.

Four Philly Players Offered Southern Club

IDEAS that the Philly team lacks talent, this season at least, are not shared by the club management, which has bundled up one neat package of four marked "Surplus" and offered it in an en masse to a certain Southern League outfit. Word to this effect is spread all over the sports page of a Nashville morning daily, which calls names and sets out details and states that the proffer came directly through Scott Bilye to his old pal, President Shropshire, of the home nine. Players named are Schulte, Lavender, Dugay and Weiser. The story is that Dugay is the only one likely to be desired and that chances for a deal with respect to this player are uncertain on account of his liability to the draft.

The players were offered singly or one at a time, according to the story, and the only figures mentioned are \$1000, said to be the price placed upon Lavender. No definite trade proposition is mentioned.

According to the account in question, the view taken of the reported offer by the Nashville management was not that any of the players was not worth while as possibly available material. The idea was that in all likelihood all doubtless would be able to command a better bid for their services in either of the two higher minors, the American Association or the Pacific Coast League. That Dugay was given more consideration than the rest is said to be due to the fact that the second baseman's job likely will be wide open this year.

Stallings's Desire for Pitcher Not Clear

STALLINGS sees no hope of getting Frank Allen back into the game this season is the gist of a newspaper lot in a Boston sport page. The point of the report is not why the southpaw should prefer to remain on the old plantation down in "Alabama," but why Stallings should want to do any coaxing. A glimpse of the official returns of 1917 shows the imposing record for the Braves' and former Red Hinger of three wins and ten defeats. The report in question, which called for a sight at the records, throws some light upon the necessity of having pitchers to win ball games. Of the eight last pitchers who won any games at all, Pittsburgh claimed six in Steel, Jacobs, Evans, Grimes and Mannaux. The name of Allen appears right in the middle of this distinguished galaxy.

The scintillant record of these stars, however, is excelled by the notable careers of Pitchers Smith, of the Giants, and Dell, of the Dodgers. These sterling moundmen broke into only one side of the win-and-lose column.

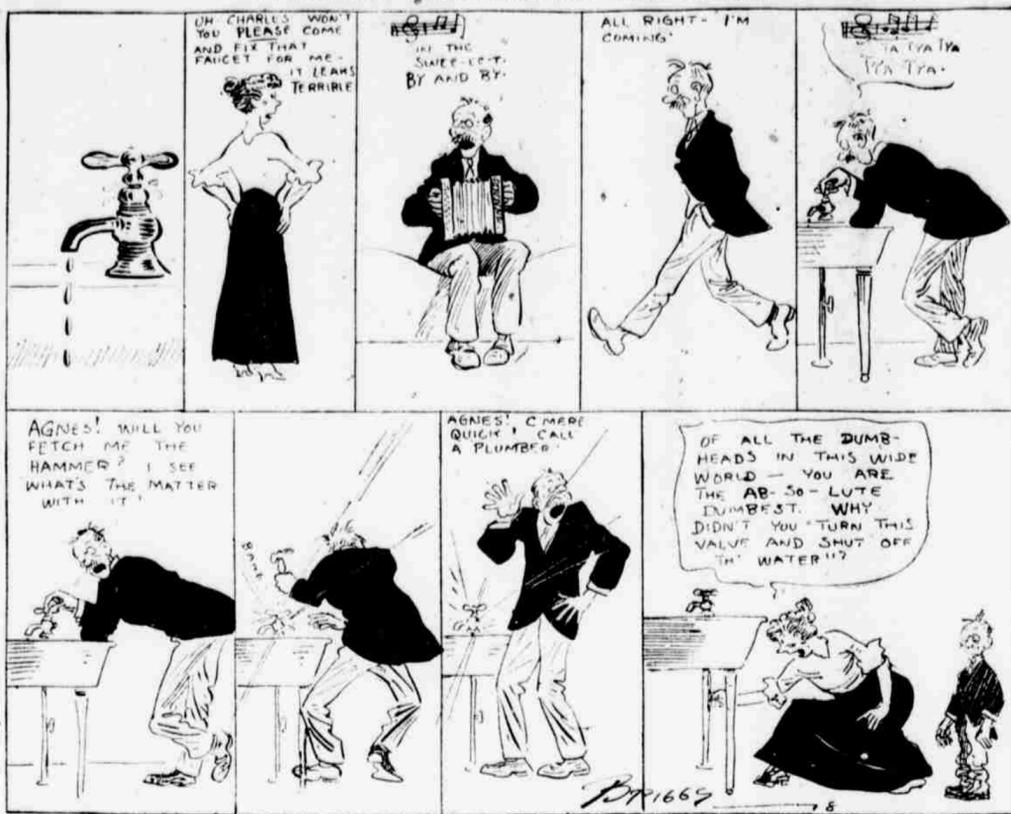
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ATROY (N. Y.) paper highly commends Mr. Baker in his attitude with regard to player dictation. It says: "There is one thing that commends itself in the Philadelphia National management; it will not brook dictation by the players in the matter of salary. It is understood that Alexander, Killefer and Paskert all were swapped to the Chicago club because President Baker had tired of demands which he considered exorbitant. Baker is determined to impress on his players the fact that the Federal League was ended two years ago. Others have been trying the same thing, but not exactly with the success of Baker, who is bound to run his club as his business training dictates. His policy to bring the players back to earth is being watched with interest by magnates of less backbone."

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WILLBERT ROBINSON, manager of the Dodgers, believes he has one of the best pitching staffs in the National League. "Most folk have stepped to realize the pitching strength of the Dodgers this year," says Robinson. "In Mannaux, Mitchell, Grimes and Greiner we have four new arms. In Mannaux, Mitchell, Grimes and Greiner we have four new arms. In Mannaux, Mitchell, Grimes and Greiner we have four new arms."

A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



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Twirler Insists Bonus Question Must Be Settled Before He Plays With Cubs

OLGA DORFNER RETAINS TITLE

Local Mermaid Still Supreme in Fifty-Yard Swim

SOPP ALSO WINNER

Cutting her way through the Central Branch Y. M. C. A. swimming pool, within a fifth of a second of the world record for the distance, Miss Olga Dorfner, of the Philadelphia Turngemeinde, last evening successfully defended her title as champion at fifty yards of the Atlantic A. A. Y. from five of the leading mermaids of the country.

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South Philadelphia High Has Six-Fingered Pitcher

The past and present major league pitchers have devoted sleepless nights to inventing the so-called "freak" deliveries, but Harry Pillsbury, a fifteen-year-old freshman of the South Philadelphia High School, credited with having the "freakiest-of-the-freak" delivery, has four fingers and TWO thumbs on his right hand.

PREFERS EDUCATION TO BALL CONTRACT

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—A young ballplayer was found today who doesn't care a whit about the clamor and glory of a big-league player's life.

Sports Served Short

Of this year's hockey squad at Andover, seven men intend to quit Harvard on the ground, unless Yale will only draw four.

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"While there will be all the golf the members want this year and while the course will be kept in the best of condition, as has been the custom in the past, there will be virtually no competitive golf and we feel that we can get along this year without any professional."

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Huntingdon Valley Decides Not to Name Successor to Dave Cuthbert

RETRENCHMENT PROGRAM

By PETER PUTER. The Huntingdon Valley Country Club has virtually decided not to appoint a successor to Dave Cuthbert, the golf professional, who has resigned to accept a similar berth with the Grand Mere Golf Club in Canada.

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Boosts and Bumps

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. CONNIE'S TEAM. Perhaps you think the A's are dead. And there'll be nothing doing. When Connie spills what's in his head; But wait! There's something brewing. You'd never read it in his eyes. And yet our instinct smells it; Oh, boys, you're in for some surprise. When Connie tells it.

It may be Anson, Beach and Lano, Cy Young and old Dan Bronthers, Matt Kilroy, Farrar and a gang. Of record-breaking others; But just you wait till March the first. The date he's fixed to buzz it; We'll bet your blooming sides will hurt. When Connie does it!

Methods are Successful. Mack's methods have made quite a bit for him, for his phantom team has been given lots of publicity throughout the country. The scribbles are wondering what kind of a ball club he will have in the future.

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